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International Loran Association
DRAFT 143rd Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, October 27, 2004
Tokyo, Japan

1. Call to Order

Present: L. Roth, T. Celano, B. Peterson, R. Lilley, D. Last, G. Offermans, E. Johannessen, C. Schue, L. Bond, T. Ikeda

R. Lilley holds W. Roland and J. Doherty proxies
D. Last holds N. Ward and D. van Willigen proxies
L. Roth holds J Manchard proxy

A quorum is present.

2. Agenda Additions and Approval of Agenda

There were no additions; the agenda was approved.

3. Approval of 142nd Meeting Minutes

The secretary will e-mail to Board members, with corrections accepted from attendees.

4. Secretary's Report - none

5. Treasurer's Report and ILA33 Convention Results

Mr. Ikeda will send his report next week. Erik Johannessen will send an e-mail report. Erik did say that he expects the convention to be "better than break-even".

6. Executive Committee 2004-2005

- a. President – Linn Roth
- b. Vice President – Langhorne Bond
- c. Secretary – Bob Lilley
- d. Treasurer – Erik Johannessen
- e. Past President – David Last

7. Board of Directors – Appointed Members for 2004-2005

The names of Jacques Manchard and Nick Ward were proposed. The motion to accept them as one-year appointed directors was APPROVED by voice vote.

A third appointment was discussed and the names Dave Diggle and Paul Williams were proposed. President Linn Roth will resolve the appointment and e-mail the Board for approval.



8. ILA34, 2005 Convention Venue and Committee

After discussion, the Board by voice vote APPROVED Santa Barbara, California USA as the venue for the 2005 convention. Bob and Ellen Lilley will work with the local hotels and propose a date, subject to Executive committee approval.

The Lilleys will begin recruiting the Convention Committee immediately, noting that this meeting may well be perceived as our RESPONSE to the US decision on Loran-C. Erik Johannessen commented on the possible need for an expanded committee, particularly if the decision is made prior to the meeting.

[By the time these minutes were distributed for review, convention technical chairmen and corporate sponsorship chairman were tentatively identified, and one local hotel had been contacted to begin talks. This hotel will also be the site of an earlier meeting organized by the Lilleys, who will attempt to provide a benefit from their “good customer” status.]

9. ILA Publicity Campaign and Press Relations – Further Discussion.

Langhorne Bond: The Washington scene could change. Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation (DOT) Norman Mineta has been expected to retire; but recently his health has improved, so he might reconsider. U.S. DOT Undersecretary for Policy Jeff Shane wants to stay on. The Loran-C community “owe him a lot” for taking the lead on the U.S. decision process. Mr. Bond’s expectation is that if the Republicans are re-elected and FAA Administrator Marion Blakey becomes U.S. DOT Secretary, Jeff will stay. Former FAA Administrator Jane Garvey is a possible DOT appointee if the Democrats win the election.

Mr. Bond also commented on a possible “dark moment”: If we can’t bring USCG around to positive support for Loran-C, we can potentially transfer the entire system from the U.S. Coast Guard to U.S. DOT where it will find a receptive home in the Research and Special Projects Administration. Erik Johannessen noted a previous proposal for the U. S.

Department of Defense’s Army Corps of Engineers to take it. This was part of a proposal involving divesting the Coast Guard of all its non-military missions.

Mr. Bond suggested that even just *raising* this issue might help to “bring someone around” on the Loran-C ownership issue. It’s a lot of work to go through for a relatively small program.

10. ILA Website – further discussion

The site will continue to be developed, featuring two mission-oriented sections: one a public-image entry (the “new” site) and the other a repository for ILA-centered information which might be called “Member Services”. The Member Services section will be more archival in scope, offering research and historical materials for viewing and downloading.

There was a question on optimizing our position with reference to web search engines; several members felt that to spend a lot of time trying to improve our page position in a



search is more work than it is worth. Search sites' software has become sophisticated and truly reflects a site's performance as to hits, visits and downloads.

11. ILA Ops Center contract

There were no changes recommended in the Operations Center arrangement.

12. Committee Assignments and Chairs

- a. Audit – Erik's auditor for now.
[Ellen Lilley commented that Joanna is a "delight" to work with.]
- b. Awards – Bill Roland
- c. Congressional Liaison – Linn Roth
- d. Constitution – Bob Lilley and Tom Celano, charged with streamlining the document.
- e. Nominating Committee – Charles Schue
- f. GAUSS – Gerard Offermans
- g. Membership – Erik Johannessen
- h. Newsletter – Otis Philbrick and Al Frost

13. Other Business

- a. The Board discussed the awards for the best papers at this conference and make the following recommendations to the Awards committee:
Best Paper – Paul Williams (University of Bangor)
Student Paper – Curtis Cutright (Ohio University)
- b. A special ILA Membership was voted unanimously for Laura Macaluso, daughter of U.S. Coast Guard CDR John Macaluso, for a payment of \$ 5.00. Laura attended the entire convention this year and expressed interest in the subject!

14. Adjournment

The Board expressed our thanks to our hosts for the Tokyo meeting, and asked Board Member Tomatsu Ikeda to help us pass the message on to the entire group of workers and committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.